(a) whether the committee constituted by Government to evaluate the viability plan of llooghly Dock and Port Engineers Limited (IIDPEL), has submitted any report;

(b) if so, the salient features of the revival package; and

(c) the short-term and long-term measures being taken by Govei nment to review HDPEL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The terms of reference of the Committee were to evaluate the viability of the short-term measures proposed by Company and also to suggest any other suitable measures for making the Company viable. The short-term measures proposed by the Company have been incorporated in their recommendations by the Committee, with an alternative that, if it is not possible to find required funds, considerations have to be given to other options, like joint venture etc.

The process of examination of the report of the Committee has since commenced.

गैस कनेक्शन का स्थानांतरण

1586. **श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम :** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हिन्दुस्तान पेट्रोलियम कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड का ग्राहक सेवा प्रभाग रसोई गैस उपभोक्ताओं को उनके गैस कनेक्शन का एक स्थान से दूसरे स्थान पर स्थानांतरण कराने हेतु उपयुक्त सहायता प्रदान नहीं कर रहा है,

(ख) क्या संबंधित वितरकों द्वारा उपभोक्ताओं के निवास स्थान पर गैस सिलेंडर पहुंचाने की बजाए उनसे सिलेन्डर स्वयं ले जाने का आग्रह किया जा रहा है, और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में तथ्य क्या हैं और इसके कारण क्या है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) और (ख) एच0 पी0 सी0 एल0 के ग्राहक सेवा सैल एल0 पी0 जी0 के उन ग्राहकों को जो गैस कनेक्शनों के एक स्थान से दूसरे स्थान पर स्थानान्तरण की इच्छा रखते हैं, आवश्यक सेवाएं प्रदान करते रहे हैं । एच0 पी0 सी0 एल0 ने सभी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरों को अपने व्यापार क्षेत्र के भीतर रहने वाले अपने सभी ग्राहकों को एल0 पी0 जी0 रीफिल से सिलेंडर की सुपुर्दगी घर पर करने के भी निर्देश जारी किए हैं । संबंधित व्यापार क्षेत्र के भीतर घर पर सुपुर्दगी न करने के सिद्ध हुए मामलों में दोषी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरों के विरुद्ध विपणन अनुशासन दिशा –निर्देशों के अंतर्गत दण्डात्मक कार्रवाई की जाती है ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

गुजरात में दूरंसचार सेवाएं

1587. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या अन्य राज्यों की तुलना में गुजरात में दूरसंचार सेवाएं राष्ट्रीय औसत से कम हैं,

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी जिला-वार ब्यौरा क्या है,

(ग) क्या इन जिलों में राष्ट्रीय औसत के समान दूरसंचार सेवाएं प्रदान करने संबंधी कोई योजना सरकार से विचारधीन है,

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(ड़) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) दूरसंचार सेवाओं का कार्यनिष्पादन विभिन्न पैरामीटरों द्वारा मापा जाता है । गुजरात का कार्यनिष्पादन अधिकांश पैरामीटरों में औसत से अधिक है ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) और (घ) सभी पैरामीटरों में सुधार के प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं । कार्य निष्पादन पर सर्किल स्तर और मुख्यालय स्तर पर नजर रखी जा रही है । सेवाओं में और आगे सुधार के लिए नेटवर्क में नई प्रौद्योगिकियां शामिल की जा रही हैं ताकि इन्हें वार्षिक और पंचवर्षीय योजनाओं के जरिए उन्नत किया जा सके और आधुनिक बनाया जा सके ।

(ड़) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Information regarding Private Sector producing Petroleum Products

1588. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have advised State Government to obtain information about private sector producing petroleum products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent of success achieved by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURALGAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Indian efforts to become Permanent Member in Securtity Council

1589. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have made any special efforts by approaching countries with whom India have excellent relations for becoming the permanent member in the UN Security Council; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. India has expressed its readiness to serve as Permanent Member of the UN Security Council. This was announced in the statement of the leader of Indian delegation to the 49th General Assembly session in 1994. Government is making all necessary efforts in this regard.

World Bank report on Railway Operations in India

1590. MAULANA OB AIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI K. M. KHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the World Bank report on India transport sector long term issues suggesting a complete overhaul of Railway operations in India, calling for running of the passenger services as a commercial venture and cutting down of Railway subsidies; and

(b) if so, the impact of a change on the freight and fare structure and financial position of the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir. The World Bank in its report has addressed these issues as a part of long range planning perspectives for transport sector including Indian Railways. These are only suggestions and Government has no such proposal under consideration for implementing them at this stage.

(b) Does not arise.

Minimum Stipulated Facilities for Motor- ists at Petrol Pumps

1591. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a majority of petrol pumps are not providing minimum stipulated facilities for motorists;

(b) whether oil companies are very lenient in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to monitor this laxity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURALGAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) As per the Marketing Discipline Guidelines, retail outlet dealers are required to provide minimum basic amenities to motorists such as free air, radiator water, first aicfT drinking water and toilet facilities. Apart from the above filter paper, etc. to check purity of petrol, suggestion/complaint book, and the name, telephone number and address of concerned oil companies officials duly displayed, have to be maintained at all the petrol pumps. Some of these amenities may not be available in a few of the petrol pumps due to their location at the water fronts or hilly areas, etc. The oil companies regularly inspect and check and in case of deficiencies take action under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines which include imposition of fine and suspension of sale and supplies of all products, which may ultimately lead to termination of the dealership.